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In re Application of:)
 SHINYA YAMAMOTO, et al.) : Examiner: Q. Grainger
 Application No.: 09/650,752) : Group Art Unit: 2852
 Filed: August 29, 2000) : Notice of Allowance: April 18, 2003
 For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS) : Confirmation No.: 2467
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 DETECTED BY THE DETECTING MEANS,)
 AND CONTROL MEANS FOR UPDATING)
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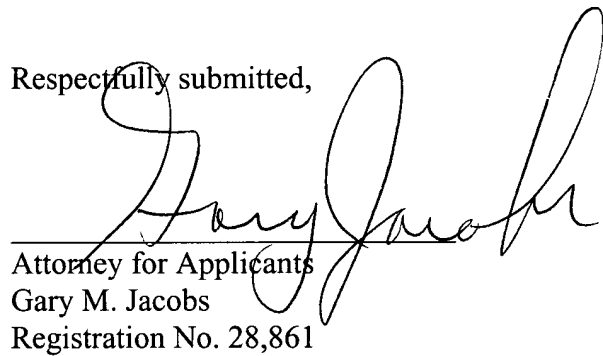
Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on July 3, 2003. To-date, Applicants have not received any communication acknowledging receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement or consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a paper acknowledging receipt and consideration of the references listed in the July 3, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement.

For the Examiner's convenience, attached is a duplicate, signed copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and a stamped postcard receipt establishing the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement on July 3, 2003.

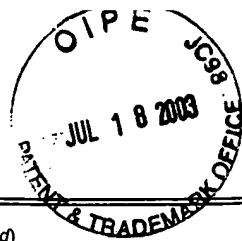
Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 1998, No. 14, December 31, 1998 (JP 10-240085)						
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies the listed documents are also enclosed. These document were recently cited in the attached European Search Report issued in a foreign counterpart application on May 19, 2003.

U.S. Patent No. 5,923,917 was cited in the October 4, 2001 Office Action, and therefore it is not being submitted herewith, and U.S. Patent Nos. 4,647,185 and 5,708,912 and the English Abstract of Japanese Laid-Open Patent No. 11-015252 are not being furnished herein, because these references were previously cited in the March 29, 2002 Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

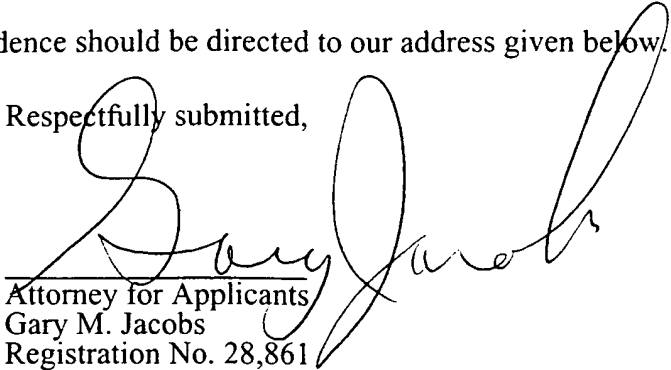
CONCLUSION

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Applicants enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d).

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